

**CHAPTER 653c. ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER SIDE  
WAGERS AND VARIATIONS**

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653c.1. Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus.

**Authority**

The provisions of this Chapter 653c added under 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202(b)(30) and 13A02(1) and (2), unless otherwise noted.

**Source**

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**§ 653c.1. Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus.**

(a) If the certificate holder offers Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker as described in Chapter 653a (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker) and the optional progressive payout wager under § 653a.7(d)(3) (relating to wagers), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who has placed an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wager in accordance with § 653a.7(d)(1) and an optional progressive payout wager the opportunity to win the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus.

(b) The layout and signage for the Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations for approval in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment), and the progressive table game system display shall indicate that the certificate holder offers the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus.

(c) If the certificate holder offers the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus:

(1) A player shall qualify for the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus by placing an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker wager and a progressive payout wager, as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2.

(2) A percentage of a player's qualifying progressive payout wager shall be allocated as an incremental contribution to the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus progressive meter.

(3) The certificate holder shall pay out the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus when a qualifying player's contribution increases the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus progressive meter's jackpot amount in excess of a random dollar value preselected by an electronic random number generator, between a set minimum and maximum dollar value.

(4) The incremental contribution of each player's qualifying progressive payout wager and the minimum and maximum dollar values for the Must-

Hit-By Mystery bonus meter shall be set in one of the following configurations, as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2:

*Paytable A—\$1 Configuration*

*Configuration A*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$1

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$200

Incremental contribution rate 2%

*Paytable A—\$2 Configuration*

*Configuration A*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$2

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$200

Incremental contribution rate 1.5%

*Paytable A—\$5 Configuration*

*Configuration A*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$5

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$250

Incremental contribution rate 1%

*Paytable B—\$1 Configuration*

*Configuration B*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$1

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$500

Incremental contribution rate 5%

*Paytable B—\$2 Configuration*

*Configuration B*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$2

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$500

Incremental contribution rate 3.5%

*Paytable B—\$5 Configuration*

*Configuration B*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$5

Minimum dollar value \$100

Maximum dollar value \$500

Incremental contribution rate 2%

*Paytable C—\$1 Configuration*

*Configuration C*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$1  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$500  
Incremental contribution rate 2%

*Paytable C—\$2 Configuration*

*Configuration C*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$2  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$500  
Incremental contribution rate 1.5%

*Paytable C—\$5 Configuration*

*Configuration C*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$5  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$500  
Incremental contribution rate 0.5%

*Paytable D—\$1 Configuration*

*Configuration D*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$1  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$1,000  
Incremental contribution rate 5%

*Paytable D—\$2 Configuration*

*Configuration D*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$2  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$1,000  
Incremental contribution rate 3%

*Paytable D—\$5 Configuration*

*Configuration D*

Minimum progressive wager amount—\$5  
Minimum dollar value \$250  
Maximum dollar value \$1,000  
Incremental contribution rate 2%

(5) If a player has won the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus, the dealer shall, in accordance with the certificate holder's approved internal controls:

- (i) Verify that the appropriate light on the progressive table game system has been illuminated.

- (ii) Have a floorperson or above validate the progressive payout.
- (iii) Pay the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus.
- (iv) Reset the progressive meter to the minimum dollar value specified in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2.
- (6) A Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus payout may be paid from the table inventory or through a progressive jackpot slip as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2.
- (7) A player who wins the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus shall be paid 100% of the bonus jackpot amount on the progressive meter.

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